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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Proposed D/NRO and JCS-JRC Agreement  
dated 8 July 1963 [redacted]

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Subject agreement is a shortened generalized version of the original paper to which we took strong exception. This present draft is sufficiently general and vague to permit any interpretation desired and is a peculiar mixture of peacetime and wartime policy. It is our belief that this paper would have to be completely rewritten from a different viewpoint in order to be useful. No one seems to understand the purpose of the paper, and therefore, it is recommended that the DOD state clearly the purpose of such a paper as policy prior to any written attempt. Therefore, we recommend the following:

a) An entirely new paper be written following a clearly-stated purpose for such an agreement.

b) The CIA Air Operations Center be designated the NRO Ops Center and source of staff support vis-a-vis the JCS/JRC.

c) Only in times of actual hostilities should there be an automatic transfer to the JRC of the NRO operational assets. During the Cuban tension period Cuban overflights were considered the responsibility of the NRO, not the JCS.

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